

IMPEACH JUDGE LANDIS FOR TAKING BASEBALL POST WHILE U. S. JUDGE

Representative Welty, Democrat, Ohio, Made Charge of "High Crimes and Misdemeanors" and It Is Left for the House to Decide Whether to Institute Proceedings.

WELTY DID NOT FOLLOW USUAL FORM

But Arose to "a Question of High Personal Privilege" and Announced That He Impeached the Judge; Landis Recently Accepted Post As Baseball Arbitrator at Salary of \$42,500.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—Federal Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis of Chicago was impeached in the House of Representatives to-day by Representative Welty, Democrat, Ohio, who charged him with "high crimes and misdemeanors" in connection with his acceptance of the position of supreme arbitrator of baseball at a salary of \$42,500 a year.

Should the House decide to institute proceedings against Judge Landis on the basis of Mr. Welty's charges, a formal trial before the bar of the House would be held and a decision rendered. Mr. Welty did not introduce a resolution proposing impeachment as is the usual procedure in such matters. Instead he arose to "a question of high personal privilege" and announced that he impeached the judge.

LANDIS IMPETURBED.

By Impeachment Proceedings Started in Congress.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Judge Kenesaw M. Landis told callers to-day he was imperturbed by impeachment proceedings. "I'm not worried about this thing," he assured one caller. "Why, I'm more interested in this than I am in the appointment of a new bellhop in that hotel across the street."

FORMAL REPUDIATION OF CONFERENCE

Claude Williams and Joe Jackson Declare They Did Not Admit "Throwing" Baseball Games.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Formal repudiation of alleged grand jury confessions of crooked baseball playing were filed in the criminal court here to-day on behalf of Claude Williams and Joe Jackson, Chicago American league players, of conspiracy to throw the 1919 world's series.

A petition filed on behalf of Williams, Jackson and George (Babe) Weaver, a teammate, asked that none of the three ever made admission charged against the first two and denies that they ever threw ball games or conspired to do so. Weaver did not appear before the grand jury and has from the first denied taking part in the conspiracy.

FAMOUS SECRET SERVICE MAN.

Andrew L. Drummond Investigated the Ku Klux Klan.

New York, Feb. 14.—The death of Andrew L. Drummond, 78, former chief of the United States secret service, noted for his investigation of the original Ku Klux Klan, was announced here to-day.

He died at his home in Brooklyn Saturday.

He joined the secret service in 1870, and one of his first assignments was in connection with the famous southern secret organization. He was made chief of the service in 1891 and retired a few years ago.

BANK AT FARGO CLOSED

The Scandinavian-American Bank Closed By State Examiner.

Fargo, N. D., Feb. 14.—The Scandinavian-American bank of Fargo was closed to-day by order of the state bank examiner.

MONTPELIER

City Clerk Merrill Has Finished Reports for Printing.

T. R. Merrill, city clerk, has completed his report for the printer. It shows total receipts in the general fund, \$232,763.74. In detail, the expenditures show: Streets, \$21,302; sidewalk, \$4,629.87; bridges, \$507.51; state roads, \$2,495.75; dust laying, \$2,049.44; resurfacing, \$2,000; Northfield street, \$8,343.15; sewers, \$5,632.72; miscellaneous, \$1,427.01; city hall, \$5,864.11; fire, \$10,388.86; assistant clerk, \$1,286; rest room, \$351; engineer, \$536; police, \$5,442.38; charity, \$14,069.66; clerk's salary, \$1,964.95; extra office help, \$164.25; transporting parochial school children, \$818.25; registration, \$134.35; legal expense, \$636.72; street lighting, \$8,283.86; property, \$450.68; court expense, \$42; election, \$1,092.22; interest, \$12,306.67; district nurse, \$1,000; listing, \$972; taxes received, \$23,238.28; band, \$1,800; hospital, \$4,796.21; power farm improvement, \$65,291.08; council's salary, \$1,200; health, \$56.50; Memorial day, \$168.62; Langdon meadow, \$514.88; temporary loan, \$43,100; card index, \$1,022.55; fire truck, \$8,240; rent of land, \$75; taxes, \$44,295.84. Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1921, \$5,758.37, totaling \$232,763.73.

Hiram N. Davis, deputy commissioner of weights and measures, has received word of the convictions of two parties in the northern part of the state for short weight in butter. These are the Franklin County Cooperative Creamery and the Maple Hill Creamery in Berkshire. Both concerns paid fines of \$50 for the violation of the general laws pertaining to short weight in their products.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Harvey went to Colchester this morning to attend this afternoon the funeral of Mrs. A. W. Kinne, who died last Saturday and who was grandmother of Mrs. Harvey. She was 86 years of age. A few years since she spent the larger part of a year with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Frank Houghton and Mrs. Adin E. Hine of Colchester and a son, Henry B. Kinne. The interment was in the family lot in Milton.

Ketenen, world middle weight champion, who wrestled Gardner here a few weeks ago, meets him again in Boston Thursday evening for the championship of the world.

Kate Labell, who is employed at the Capital City Press, fell on the slippery walks this morning, breaking one leg near the ankle. About a year ago she fell under similar conditions and about the same place on the streets and broke her leg in about the same place. This morning she was carried into Miller's inn until a conveyance could be obtained to carry her to her home.

Traffic on the main line of the trolley line between Barre and Vergennes improved for an hour and a half this morning by a motor being blown out near Granite street in Montpelier and the Seminary hill car had to handle the traffic.

Superintendent Ferry of the water department did not take kindly to the call he received last evening that the water main had broken near the four corners. It cost the city overtime of two men for three hours while they were tracing out the alleged break. There was none at the courthouse but Mr. Ferry feared he might have misunderstood and, being unable to get the party back on the telephone again, he had to trace out the lines in the city to make sure that there was no break.

Miss Bernice Perry passed Saturday and Sunday in Randolph.

Mrs. Mary Cutler has been visiting in Wells River.

Judges L. D. Coburn of East Montpelier and G. H. Dale of Waterbury were in the city to-day relative to the drawing of the jury for the March term of county court.

Pulling a snow roller with a tractor is novel to Vermont but Saturday afternoon many persons watched the one which the city council in Montpelier is having constructed pull their heavy roller up Clay hill to Town hall and to the city limits near Joseph Buzzell's. The tractor went up the hill at the rate of about four and one-half miles an hour.

The fire department was called Saturday afternoon to the French block, in which a chimney was burning out. Although almost all day long the fire roller up Clay hill to Town hall and to the city limits near Joseph Buzzell's. The tractor went up the hill at the rate of about four and one-half miles an hour.

No small amount of speculation has been made as to the reason why some \$40,000 worth of insurance, carried by the local agents of stock companies, has been cancelled by the school board of Montpelier. There is a feeling that it is the result of a recent circular that appeared, unsigned, relative to the appointment of insurance commissioner but about which the local stock company agents claim they had nothing to do. The cancellation is not only made on policies that expire today but also upon insurance that does not terminate until 1924 which makes the speculation deeper. There are three school buildings, the primary, union and high school buildings. Of course, the property is protected and it is understood that the insurance has been placed in Montreal and Cosmo Purielli of Montpelier, which can reinsure if they desire to.

J. G. Brown, insurance commissioner, went to Rutland last evening and this noon spoke before the Rotary club in that city on the departmental work.

H. J. M. Jones, who has been on a western trip for a month, arrived home Sunday noon. Mrs. Jones met him last week in New York and they visited Miss Jones, their daughter.

A marriage license was issued Saturday afternoon to Nello Argenti of Montreal and Cosmo Purielli of Montpelier.

ERIE WAGE CUT IS SUSPENDED

Federal Railroad Labor Board Issued the Order To-day

PENDING HEARING ON THE ACTION

Erie R. R. Recently Reduces Wages of Maintenance of Way Men

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Recent reductions in the wages of maintenance of way men and changes in the working conditions of train dispatchers as announced by the Erie railroad were suspended to-day by the federal railroad labor board pending a hearing.

The board announced that no wage reductions or changes in working conditions could become effective except by agreements between the road and its employees until the board had an opportunity to pass upon the case. The hearing was set for Feb. 23.

The case was presented ten days ago by representatives of the employees. The petition set forth that the road had reduced the basic wage of track workers to 30 cents an hour from 37 to 48 1/2 cents.

Train dispatchers' representatives charged that the road had ordered them to work seven days a week. Previously they had a six-day week.

HOME FROM AMERICA, HUNGARIANS THUG VICTIMS

A Number of Them Have Been Met at Stations in Budapest By Men Disguised as Guides And Are Led to Out of the Way Places Where They Are Murdered.

Budapest, Feb. 14.—A number of Hungarians who have returned recently from the United States have become victims of an organized murder gang. Disguised as guides, members of this organization lurk the railway terminals and press their services upon unsuspecting travelers who are taken into one of the way places, robbed and murdered.

A few days ago the body of George Dodnar was taken out of the Danube where it had evidently been thrown. He arrived in Budapest recently from Connecticut with \$3,000 in his possession. Peter Keien of Columbus, O., who brought \$2,000 with him, was kidnapped and later was found shot to death in a neighboring forest.

The repeated murders have caused the authorities to post warnings on the walls of the terminals, and a close watch is being kept for members of the gang.

GASOLINE AGAIN DROPS.

Wholesale Price Went Down Two Cents To-day.

New York, Feb. 14.—The Standard Oil company of New York to-day reduced the price of gasoline two cents a gallon, making the wholesale price 28 cents. This is a drop of three cents from the high mark of 31 cents reached in 1920. Kerosene was also reduced one cent a gallon, making the wholesale price 17 cents.

Pittsburg, Feb. 14.—Further reductions in the price of crude oil were announced to-day. The grade known as Cornish was cut 45 cents a barrel to \$2.54, while Cabell was cut 50 cents a barrel to \$2.45.

MAN MURDERED AFTER A QUARREL

He Was Walking With Two Companions at South Braintree, Mass., When Shot.

Braintree, Mass., Feb. 14.—Antonio Dastorio died early to-day from a bullet wound received last night while he was walking with two companions in Pond avenue, South Braintree. His assailant escaped. The police began a search for Regilio who is said to have quarreled with Dastorio a few hours before the shooting.

ALIENATION ALLEGED.

Fred Cota of Fayston Sues John McKay for \$6,000.

Fred Cota of Fayston has brought suit against John McKay in which he seeks to recover \$6,000 for alleged alienation of affections of the former's wife, Cynthia S. Cota.

Other cases filed in Washington county court are: Florence Shiley vs. Mark Shiley, a bill for divorce; (recovery docket) Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Co. vs. Mabel Smith and A. Fuller vs. J. P. Neill.

POPULATION CENTER MOVES

It Is Now Located 8.3 Miles Southeast of Spencer, Ind.

MOVED WESTWARD 9.8 MILES IN 10 YEARS

Census Bureau Attributes Movement to California's Growth

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—The center of population as disclosed by the 1920 census is the extreme southeast corner of Owen county, Indiana, eight and three-tenths miles southeast of the town of Spencer, the census bureau announced to-day.

During the last decade the center of population continued to move westward, advancing nine and eight-tenths miles in that direction and about one-fifth of a mile north of Bloomington, Ind., where it was located by the census of 1910. The bureau attributed the westward movement in the last decade principally to the increase of more than 1,000,000 in the population of California.

FUNERAL OF SCHOOL GIRL

Attended By Many Friends of Andriana Domenichelli.

A long procession of hacks and sleighs followed the body of Andriana Domenichelli, a student in the eighth grade at Spaulding, who died at the City Hospital Friday morning following a short illness with pneumonia, to the Elmwood cemetery yesterday afternoon, where it was placed in the vault to await spring when burial will be made in the Hope cemetery. A large number of friends and classmates gathered at the home on Sever Street at 2 o'clock. Quers a procession of floral tributes testified to the respect in which the young lady was held.

Six young men made up the list of pall bearers as follows: John Santarini, George Russiere, Ugo Carusi, Remo Lotti, Americo Giudici and Edward White.

Contributions of many and beautiful flowers were made as follows: Pillow family; carnations, mother and father; sweet peas, violets, roses, Mrs. Frank Frediani, Mrs. Susie Frediani, Mrs. A. Arrigoni; lilies and roses, Greason & Lane and employees; roses and carnations, Gina Tosi, Ferdinand Moser; carnations, Mrs. Bevanenti and family; Bernadine family, Dina Dell Amico, E. Pasetto family, Harry Cole family, Mr. and Mrs. John Del Monte, Mrs. J. Cavanna family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Corsi, A. Ceresoli family, Eunice Vanelli, Mrs. Peter Bianchi, F. Dindo, Mrs. Mary Quattroni and Joseph Quattroni, Mr. and Mrs. G. Buttura, Miss Bernice Magdon and Miss Josephine Aliberti, grade 7 North Barre school, Mr. and Mrs. Ciampi and family, Mrs. Guiduli family, Mr. and Mrs. Zampieri and family, Lucy and Zolo Fontana, Calderara family, Daisy, Lucy, Olga Rossi, Beth LaBell, Sara Benvenuti, Olga Zampieri, Daisy Vezoni, Iride Lotti, Ida Maroni, Dina Faridoni, Ada Formenti, Freda Fontana, grades 5-6 North Barre school, Miss Smith, Miss Perrin and loving pupils of grade 8, Rosa Ricciardi.

Andriana Gambelli of Rutland was in the city to attend the funeral.

FUNERAL OF GUY V. HUNT.

Was Held Yesterday at Home of B. H. Griffith.

The funeral of Guy V. Hunt, whose death occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert H. Griffith of South Main street Thursday morning, was held from the home yesterday at 12 o'clock. In the presence of a number of friends of the deceased Rev. Effie L. Webster of Montpelier officiated at the services.

A large delegation of Odd Fellows represented the local lodge with Kenneth Macrae, K. Nicholson, J. Howell, O. E. Philbrick and L. C. Beck acting as pall bearers.

The remains were taken to South Duxbury for burial, where at the grave side Messrs. George Ball, William Richardson and Mr. Maurice Coleman of the Odd Fellows' ritual. Several beautiful pieces had been sent to the home as symbols of esteem.

People who came from out of town to pay their last respect to Mr. Hunt were Mrs. Hawkins of Granville, N. Y., his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lillian Reynolds of Waterville, James Neil of Waterville and Mrs. Fred Gill of Burlington. Mr. Hunt's wife was ill in Granville, N. Y., and could not attend the funeral.

FUNERAL OF MRS. SARAH NYE.

Was Held Saturday Afternoon. Rev. F. L. Goodspeed Officiating.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah (Worthen) Nye, who passed away Thursday afternoon, was held from her late home on Park street Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. A goodly gathering of friends collected at the house to pay last respects to the memory of the elderly lady. A wholly motor procession followed the body to the vault at Elmwood, where the body was placed in the vault. The remains will be removed to the cemetery at a later date. Rev. F. L. Goodspeed of the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Nye was the oldest member, officiated at the home and at the vault. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

The bearers were W. E. Bradford, Frank Worthen of Barre, Clyde Worthen of Montpelier and Frank Worthen of Montpelier.

Several relatives from out of town attended, but the only granddaughter, Mrs. Horace Bailey of Newbury, was unable to be present because of inability to bring her young daughter.

RUDELY ENDED A CARD GAME

Three Masked Men Collected About \$1,000 in Portland Apartment

EACH BANDIT HAD REVOLVER AT POINT

Robbers Made Their Escape Without Interference Early To-day

Portland, Me., Feb. 14.—Three masked men suddenly appeared before a quartet of local men engaged in a quiet game of cards early to-day in the Tyler apartments at 55 Spring street, and, each displaying a revolver, ordered them to throw up their hands.

When they had complied with the request, they were robbed of the jewelry and money, the haul aggregating about \$1,000. Henry R. Gordon, a jeweler, gave the value of a diamond ring which he delivered as \$600. The other victims were James O'Neill, Peter Whitmore and Maurice Cowen, the police were informed by O'Neill.

The robbers, whose faces were concealed by handkerchiefs, made their escape without interference, and were being sought by the police.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL COST WILL BE \$155,000

Of That Amount \$70,000 Has Been Voted By the Voters of Washington County.

Commendation of the construction work thus far done on the new Washington county tuberculosis sanatorium on Beckley hill, Barre, is made in the report of inspection by T. B. Kidner, an expert on tuberculosis hospital construction, who recently inspected the plant. The expert's opinion is that the construction of the present plans will cost in the vicinity of \$155,000. This sum of \$70,000 was the amount voted by the voters of the county, and it will be necessary to vote an additional amount in order to complete the construction.

Mr. Kidner's report, as submitted to H. W. Sloam, secretary of the Vermont Tuberculosis association, is as follows: "Feb. 9, 1921.

"Mr. H. W. Sloam, "Secretary Vermont Tuberculosis association, "Burlington, Vt.

"Dear sir: In accordance with your request, I visited the Washington county tuberculosis sanatorium at Barre, on the 7th inst., made a careful inspection of the building, and the plans of the completed structure, and beg to report as follows:

"The plan is excellent, and embodies the latest ideas and practice in tuberculosis hospital construction. As requested, I pointed out to the architects, a few minor changes of interior arrangements which might be of advantage, but it was not necessary to make any change in the general arrangement. It is obvious that the present building is intended eventually to form the infirmary unit of a larger institution, and it is thoroughly well adapted for the purpose.

"The materials and construction throughout are very satisfactory, and the contractors have carried out the ideas of the architects, thoroughly and well.

"The cost of the building compared most favorably with present building costs. The plans show accommodation for forty-two (42) patients, in one-bed, two-bed, three-bed and four-bed rooms. In addition there are four solariums or sleeping porches, which are really four-bed wards, and should be so regarded, giving a total accommodation of fifty-eight (58) beds for the estimated total cost of \$155,000 for land, buildings, water supply and equipment; this giving a cost per bed of approximately \$2,672.

"If the plan is accepted, and by adding two 30-bed pavilions for semi-ambulant and ambulant patients, who can be housed in simple structures, the cost per bed is considerably decreased, although a nurses' home and service building would then have to be added. My estimate for the complete institution is as follows:

Cost of present building and	\$135,000
Two 30-bed pavilions	20,000
Nurses' home	15,000
Service building	25,000
Total	\$255,000

"This would give 118 beds at a cost per bed of approximately \$2,161.

"The United States public health service estimates the cost per bed of a government tuberculosis sanatorium to be from \$3,000 to \$3,500, and this is borne out by several recent examples of non-government institutions.

"I am of the opinion, therefore, that the estimate made by the architects for the completed building, is a proper and economical one, and that the money so far spent, and that proposed to be spent, have been, and will be, applied to the best possible advantage.

"If I may be permitted, I should like to add that I think that the board of trustees is to be congratulated upon the building, both in its plan and the low cost of construction.

"Yours faithfully, "T. B. Kidner, "Sanatorium construction advisory service National Tuberculosis association."

Samuel Abate is very sick at his home, 438 North Main street.

BANK ROBBERY AVERTED AT MANSFIELD, MASS., BY BOOKKEEPER'S BRAVERY

BIG MATTERS UP THIS WEEK

As the Legislators Begin Week's Work at Montpelier

HEARING ON HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER BILL

Will Be Held Tuesday Afternoon Following Adjournment of House

A legislative hearing will take place at the State House in Montpelier following adjournment of the House on Tuesday afternoon on House bill 222, providing for the election of a state highway commissioner by the joint assembly, and an interesting discussion is in prospect. The deadlock between Governor Hartness and the legislature seemed to-day to be no nearer a solution.

About the State House there was a rumor that Governor Hartness would not again suggest a successor to Linus Leavens as fish and game commissioner and to Stoddard Bates as highway commissioner. In that case he can appoint after the adjournment of the legislature. It is also said that if he should re-appoint Messrs. Leavens and Bates he could remove them from office.

Prior to 1915 the offices of the commissioners expired at the expiration of their terms but in 1915 the law was changed so that the commissioner holds over until his successor is appointed.

The state board of control has not yet complied with the resolution adopted last session providing for a report on the salaries of the various state officers, and in the meantime the members of the legislature are introducing bills providing for increases in salaries. There are other matters that were referred to the board to report upon but upon which no reports have been presented and which, if not presented shortly, will not have consideration at this session.

Only a few bills will be introduced when the two branches of the legislature reconvene to-night. There are more bills in the two branches now than there were at this time last year, and with the number to be introduced to-morrow the number will be nearly 100 more than at the same period two years ago. To-day there are 293 bills in the House, against 223 two years ago and 85 in the Senate, against 62 two years ago.

The workingmen's compensation and educational hearings are to take place early in the week. At the present outlook there will be a warm discussion at the educational hearings as the members of the state board of education do not take kindly to the charges made against them by Mr. Stearns of Johnson relative to propaganda.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

BY BOSTON & MAINE

Three Actions Have Been Brought By United States District Attorney.

Papers in three actions, brought by V. A. Bullard, United States district attorney, against the Boston & Maine Railroad company, have been filed with the secretary of state, in which the company is charged with alleged violations of certain federal laws, the penalty of which is a fine of \$500. The allegations are that on certain days they allowed M. E. Pierce, J. J. Morrow and E. A. Bacon to work as a train crew more than 16 hours; that on Dec. 22, 1920, they broke the 28-hour law by allowing 52 head of sheep and three calves to be retained in a car more than the allowed time; also on Sept. 9, 1920, the railroad committed a similar offense.

The railroad company is asked to appear in court shortly and show cause why the penalty for the alleged violations should not be imposed.

SCOTT FILES FOR CITY CLERK.

Second Man in Recent Four-Cornered Contest for City Clerk.

H. William Scott, the retiring representative of the first ward, who filed nomination papers as a candidate for the position of city clerk and treasurer, the designation on his papers being Peoples. Mr. Scott was second man in the four-cornered contest held at the city caucus last Thursday night, being 93 votes behind James Smart, the nominee.

It is understood that Stephen Eliza, second man in the three-cornered contest Friday night for the fifth ward aldermanic nomination, is to file papers against Daniel V. Osoile, who carried the caucus.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Angelo Invernizzi, Joseph Miro and D. Belli, who for the past few days have been guests of the Joseph Mallon house on Howard street, returned to their home and employment in Quincy, Mass., this morning.

GRANITE BUYING DULL; SITUATION HOPEFUL

That Is the Summary of Conditions as Brought Back By Barre Granite Men.

Members of the Granite Manufacturers' association who have been representing the Barre granite district at state retail dealers' conventions this year have found retail dealers everywhere optimistic of the future. A majority of the state meetings, east, west and south, have been held, although J. B. Carswell and J. A. Healy are now absent on a trip which will include conventions of dealers in Ohio, Virginia, Kentucky and the Carolinas. H. J. M. Jones, president of the association, and Arthur D. Young recently completed an itinerary in which they were present at the New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland-Delaware meetings. Secretary Athol R. Bell, who, with William Barclay, has been absent since the first of the year on an extended tour through the west, resumed his duties at the association to-day. Mr. Barclay will attend the Oklahoma meeting of Oklahoma City Tuesday and Wednesday, and is expected home at the end of the week.

Barre granite is very largely used in middle west, and while the influx of new business is not great, there has been more buying in the past two weeks than at any time since last fall. The Barre men who attended conventions in Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas found the dealers heavily stocked and unable to purchase in quantities until present merchandise is moved.

This condition is due to the fact that last year's strike and transportation tie-up resulted in such a delay of deliveries on the part of the manufacturers that winter closed in on the retailers before they were able to guarantee service. Then came a wave of depression which affected retail buying in all lines. In the grain producing states this buyers' strike was acutely felt, and has not yet disappeared altogether.

Over against this adverse state of affairs is the fact that many dealers in January and February reported a larger number of "prospects" than ever before. They are confident that business will materially improve by April 1, if not sooner, although the return to normal will be gradual. One of the best auguries for a prosperous year in the granite district is the solid optimism which obtains among the retailers of Barre granite.

This feeling of optimism is founded on something besides hope, for in no section of the country is there greater potential wealth to-day than in the central states, and it is in the middle western area of the United States that Barre manufacturers for many years have enjoyed their most lucrative business.

The demand for monuments to be erected by Memorial day is bound to return, in the opinion of representative dealers. Already this demand is taking shape in plans for large private memorials and mausoleums, not to mention many projected soldiers' memorials.

Seemingly exorbitant freight rates on granite consigned to western points is operating in unmistakable ways to the advantage of granite quarries in Wisconsin, Minnesota and the south. Barre producers, who have viewed conditions in the retail field at close range realize that the Barre granite industry has little to fear from the present lull in buying. That is a temporary condition which promises to be relieved very shortly. But the tremendous advance in the cost of placing Barre granite at the disposal of western dealers is rapidly driving them to use inferior granites.

In the restoration of fair freight rates, or in the revision of present classifications, seems to rest much of Barre's future supremacy "out west," in the opinion of local manufacturers.

MAIL MAN HONORED.

Charles F. Ayer, Mail Man on Route No. 1, Honored.

For more than fifteen years Charles F. Ayer of Richmond has carried the mail of rural delivery route No. 1. Last Saturday evening, in commemoration of his faithfulness, and to wish him well in his new capacity as carrier on route No. 2, over one hundred patrons to whom he has catered so long, tendered him a reception in Cobble hill schoolhouse hall.

During the evening readings and memory selections were presented by Harold M. Bancroft, Mrs. Mertie B. Winter and Earle W. Winter, interspersed with vocal selections by L. L. Smith, Ida and Lucy Dickie, Martha Sowden and Hazel Matfield, and instrumental solos by Bernard Davis and Anna Nielsen with a violin solo by Marjorie Smith.

After the program A. L. Smith, acting as spokesman for the gathering, presented Mr. Ayer a substantial purse of money, to which the recipient responded with thanks and many expressions of appreciation, leaving the room with which he has become so familiar. Next came refreshments and dancing until a late hour.

Many times during the evening the faithfulness of Mr. Ayer was brought to the minds of his friends by the sight of him moving about the hall greeting his hosts, and more than once remarks were made by people whose lot it is to travel the steep inclines of east hill, that often they have seen the mail man come into sight over snowdrifts and through mud holes which would have taxed the perseverance of a man less loyal to his duty.

The route which Mr. Ayer is to take is less difficult and more comfortable. It is understood that Neal D. Blanchard, former carrier on route No. 2, is to succeed Mr. Ayer on route 1.

Held Up With Others By Robber